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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shigeki WATANABE

Serial No. 09/637,640

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Examiner: Wong, Eric. K.

For: METHOD, OPTICAL DEVICE, AND SYSTEM FOR OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMISSION

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on February 22, 2003. The February 22, 2003 due date is extended two months to April 22, 2003 in the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by April 22, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-15, 17, 18, and 20 in accordance with the following:

1. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A method comprising:

(a) providing a first optical fiber having dispersion;

(b) supplying an optical signal to said first optical fiber so that said optical signal is compressed on the time axis as propagating in said first optical fiber;

(c) supplying a compressed optical signal output from said first optical fiber to an optical

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